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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT : Current Requirements for Middle East Coverage

1. On Thursday, 11 December, the ARC took stock of the need for Middle East coverage. It was agreed that there was no clear indication of urgent need. However, there was a difference of opinion as between the three Services and OCI regarding the need for some coverage in the near future.

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2. The OCI view on this need is set forth in the attached memorandum from [REDACTED] In the code at the bottom of the page, [REDACTED] in his oral presentation at the ARC attributed in part to the discussions of the Watch Committee (which is, of course, composed of people highly sensitized to indications detection) that [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] need to be watched for possible evidences of hostile action. This comment from [REDACTED] and my statement that I would like to have a memorandum which I would discuss with you provoked Colonel Macia to make remarks along the following lines with which the Army and Navy representatives agreed:

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The function of each member of the ARC is to make an assessment of the intelligence requirements which may spring from the discussions of any of the intelligence committees in which their agencies participate. Accordingly, it could well be that even though the Watch Committee were to feel there was an urgency to obtain, say, Middle East coverage, it would still be the final responsibility of the ARC members to weigh all factors before expressing the individual's agency's view.

3. I am most sympathetic to Colonel Macia's point, but, at the same time, I believe must take the position that it would be out of order

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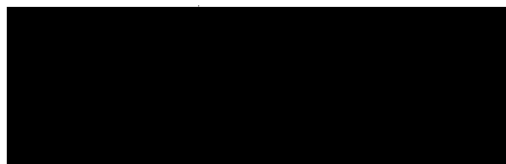
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for me to attempt to frustrate the representation of any agency's or office's judgment on requirements to the Project. There have been instances where I have submitted Navy views with which the rest of the Committee did not join.

4. Therefore, I am submitting herewith the OCI requirements for Middle East coverage with the following recommendation: That this matter be discussed with General Cabell because of his responsibility as Chairman of the Watch Committee for approval. (If the decision is made to obtain this coverage, I would, of course, collect requirements from all agencies even though they did not urge that the mission be accomplished.)



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Chairman
Ad Hoc Requirements Committee

Attachment
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cc: OCI TCO [redacted] (cy #2)

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